

MARAD's IT Chief Recognized as Laureate By The Computerworld Honors Program

Longest Running Global Program Pays Tribute to Individuals and Organizations that Use Information Technology to Benefit Society

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International Data Group's *Computerworld* Honors Program has selected Donna Seymour, MARAD's Chief Information Officer, as one of its honors laureate winners for 2006. For almost two decades, *Computerworld* Honors has acknowledged those individuals and organizations that have used information technology to benefit society.

Ms. Seymour was selected in the government and non-profit organizations category for MARAD's Virtual Office of Acquisitions (VOA), which MARAD built using the new EMC Documentum-based content management foundation. It is a paperless system that manages the bid and proposal process from bid solicitation through award notification and contract administration.

"I am proud and pleased with the accomplishments of our entire technology staff here at MARAD and will be happy to accept this award on our behalf for our work on the VOA, a paperless acquisition system built on commercial tools. Our suc-



Donna Seymour (right) and Iris Cooper display the Computerworld Honors Program medal, which Ms. Seymour received as a 2006 honors laureate winner at the Washington, D.C., ceremony on June 5.

cess would not have been possible without the vision of two acquisitions directors, Iris Cooper and Tim Roark, who partnered with me to make this a reality," said Ms. Seymour.

This year's honorees were commemorated during the 18th Annual Laureates Medal Ceremony and Gala Awards Evening on June 5, at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

The magazine says its honors program brings together the world's foremost information technology companies to recognize and document the achievements of the men, women, organizations and institutions around the world, whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social, economic and educational change. "Each laureate selected for this honor understands the importance of using one's resources and technical prowess to benefit one's fellow man," said Bob Carrigan, Chairman of the Computerworld Honors Program Chairmen's Committee and President of IDG Communications.

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